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HEATHER HOWARD Commissioner

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Dear EMS Community:

On Monday, January 11, 2010, Governor Corzine signed a law extending EMT-Basic certifications from 3 years to 5 years.

The Department of Health and Senior Services is working on an implementation plan for the extended certification period. Updates will be posted on the Department's website at www.state.nj.us/health/ems and e-mailed to current providers through www.njoemscert.com.

All guidance on the new law will come directly from the Department and spokespersons from other organizations should not be viewed as credible sources of information.

Sincerely,

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